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SUBJ: FISHERY LICENSING PROBLEMS

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PASS TO NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

- 1. DUE TO ILLNESS OF AMIN ZARUR, CHIEF OF MEXICAN FISHERIES OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, MEETING WITH GOM SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES WAS DELAYED UNTIL THURSDAY, MARCH 22. FISHERIES ATTACHE MET WITH SUBSECRETARY MEDINA NERI AND ZARUR TODAY, WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:
- (A) ALTHOUGH COPY OF PROPOSED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FONOFF WAS SHOWN TO MEDINA NERI, HE EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING THAT PROBLEMS COULD EASILY BE WORKED OUT WITH HIM AND HIS STAFF ON INFORMAL BASIS, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO INVOLVE FONOFF.
- (B) ON RADIO RENEWALS, SUBSECRETARY STATED HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS, HE HAD TALKED WITH BOTH NAVY AND TREASURY, AND EXPECTED THEIR CONCURRENCE WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS.
- (C) ON MATTER OF ELIGIBLE VESSELS, MEDINA NERI ACCEPTED "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" PROPOSAL, WITH NEWLY CONSTRUCTED VESSELS STARTED BEFORE NEW RULES WERE ANNOUNCED TO BE TREATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON SAME BASIS, I. E. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. LIMITATION OF 151 LICENSED BOATS AND 5,164 TONS, ARRIVED AT FROM 1971 LIST, STILL APPLIES. ZARUR EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER OF THESE TOTALS WILL BE REACHED IN 1973.

- (D) ON "SUPER PERMISSIONAIRE" QUESTION, MEDINA NERI EMPHASIZED THAT DETAILS OF SETTING THIS ORGADED SEMINAR, WHICH FILLED AFRICA HALL, SYSTEM OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND PEASANT EXPLOITATION WAS SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE COMPOSED OF YOUNG ESTABLISHMENT TYPES. PARTICIPANTS SAID HAVE ATTACKED "SELF-INTERESTED AND SHORT-SIGHTED RULING ELITE" AND LAMENTED FUTILITY OF ATTEMPTS BY PROGRESSIVES TO EFFECT CHANGE.
- 4. MOST PARLIAMENT OBSERVERS NOW PESSIMISTIC RE CHANCES ENACTMENT TENANCY BILL THIS SESSION. KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES POINT OUT THAT BESIDES GENERAL LANDLORD OPPOSITION, CERTAIN MEMBERS CROWN COUNCIL AND ROYAL FAMILY, E. G. PRINCESS TENAGNE- WORQ, REPORTEDLY ACTIVELY LOBBYING AGAINST BILL. THEY NOTE THAT PM AND MINISTER LAND REFORM WHO ALLEGED BE "ONLY ONES PUSHING FOR ENACTMENT" MUST NECESSARILY MOVE WITH CAUTION. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED TO EMPEROR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS ON BEHALF BILL, SENIOR MLRA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM AND ASKED IF HIM WANTS LAND REFORM WHY DID HE RECENTLY ALLOW SHOA GOV- GEN. RAS MESFIN TO PURCHASE 95 GASHAS (100 ACRES EACH) OF GOVERNMENT LAND "AND IN EFFECT THE PEOPLE ON IT" FOR US\$12 PER GASHA, DESPITE MLRA ATTEMPT TO BLOCK SALE.

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